

I am totally against the current Copyright laws, and the Broadcast Flag. If this stuff continues, you might as well shut off the TV stations now, they can not survive.

I personally will stop watching any Television I can't record. It is virtually never on when I can see it live.

I own a DAT machine that sits on a shelf collecting dust. The copy protection flag added to that device makes it unusable. Tapes break and without the ability to make backups there is no point to using it.

As for Television, I will just give up and stop watching. I watch anything good more than once, and without that ability, it isn't worth the trouble to put up with the bulk of it which is junk and commercials.

I will switch to recording DVD's from the rental stores with a tv camera if I can't find a better way, instead!

This whole push to protect copyrights amounts to taking civilization back to the days before the invention of the printing press when only the wealthy could have libraries with hand copied books!

Television exists to spread information and knowledge to the whole public, and if it stops doing that job, it becomes a dinosaur. It is the video equivalent of the public library for books, and must continue to provide that for the good of society.

Sure it cuts into the wealth of the Hollywood executives, just as public libraries cut into the wealth of book authors. Society must come ahead of special interests. If we become a society of locked up encrypted information where the public has limited access, democracy can not continue, since it requires an informed public, not just informed wealthy elites.

The present system should continue, and has worked and made Hollywood wealthy since television was invented. I have no big problem with pay services locking up their stuff, except for the general copyright issues (mainly their duration, which is obscene), but free TV must remain free, and should continue to show movies etc, just slightly older than the pay services provide.